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William W. Stelle, Jr.  
NMFS West Coast Regional Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Stelle,

Enclosed is the Biological Assessment for the Lake Mountain and Middle Tompkins Allotment Management Plan Project. The Klamath National Forest/National Marine Fisheries Service-Fisheries Level 1 team used the Streamlining process (including document and field reviews) and the Analytical Process to reach agreement that the action *May Affect and is Not Likely to Adversely Affect* the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts (SONCC) Coho salmon or Critical Habitat for SONCC Coho salmon. The enclosed document also includes an evaluation of effects on Essential Fish Habitat.

I request informal consultation on the above action, pursuant to 50 CFR 402.14 (a) and (b), as amended. I also bring to your attention my appreciation of Donald Flickinger's participation in the finalization of the Biological Assessment.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (530) 568-1235, else contact Fisheries Biologist Maija Meneks at (530) 568-1272.

Sincerely,

TED MCARTHUR  
District Ranger

